

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 – 15 are pending, with claims 1 and 8 being independent. Claims 1 – 15 have been amended formally in order to better conform the claim language to U.S. practice and to delete multiple dependency and new claims 16 – 18 have been added. Support for the amendments and new claims may be found throughout the specification, including in the original claims.

The specification also has been amended to provide section headings and to insert a brief description of the drawings.

Favorable consideration is respectfully solicited. In the event that there are any questions relating to this application, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,
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